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FROM : Chief, Reading Improvement Branch

SUBJECT: Results of Reading Retention Program for B16 Students

1. The results of the reading retention program for B16 students are shown on the attached graph and summarized below.

2. It is important to note that the majority of trainees in this group were JOT's; therefore, this report does not represent an over-all analysis of Agency personnel.

3. Eighty-one students participated in the program. The time intervals after training ranged from six weeks to fifteen months. Since there is no evidence of a gradual decline in reading efficiency in relation to the time elapsed in the post-training period, the averages for the six sections are presented below:

- a. Initial - 420 words per minute
82.9% comprehension
- b. Final - 701 words per minute
80.3% comprehension
- c. Retention - 651 words per minute
84.6% comprehension

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4. The group demonstrated excellent retention of the skills learned in the Reading Improvement Course. The six sections retained 82.2% of the gain in reading efficiency achieved during the course. The results of this group do not demonstrate a need for a refresher program; the intensive or technical reading developmental course will be beneficial and more productive for the Agency.

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graph - Retention Part I

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